

Initiative Name:**Strategic Plan for Assisting High Priority Schools****Initiative Description:**

The Michigan Department of Education's Strategic Plan for Assisting Michigan's 216 High Priority Schools provides a four-strand approach to comprehensive technical support in response to the State Board of Education's Goal: **Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students.**

Strand One: Data Collection, Analysis, and Reporting

Strand Two: Technical Support in eight regional service areas located in Intermediate School Districts – MDE consultants, Partner Educators, ISD staff

Strand Three: MI-MAP, a toolkit for school reform

Strand Four: Coaches' Institute – building statewide capacity to support high priority schools.

Expected Outcomes:*Administration Goals Attained:*

- Help Schools Achieve High Standards

Other Benefits and Outcomes:

- Comprehensive assistance to High Priority Schools.
- Supporting the capacity of Intermediate School Districts as partners.
- Maximizing all resources in both process and product outcomes.
- Provide an infrastructure and network of support for High Priority Schools.
- Increase state-wide focus and resources on High Priority Schools.
- NCLB alerts parents to important information on the performance of their child's school.
- In sync with State Board of Education's task force report "Elevating Educational Leadership."

Progress to Date:

- The number of schools making Adequate Yearly Progress will increase each year. New categories of "not making AYP" increased overall numbers
- Local and Intermediate School Districts will increase resources to their High Priority Schools.
- The Michigan Department of Education reorganizes to form the Office of School Improvement with a special emphasis on High Priority Schools, Yvonne Camal Canul was hired as new office director.